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1. DOENITZ DEPARTED FOR DUESSELDORF 1700Z WITH NO TROUBLE AT AIRPORT.

2. TO RELIEVE PRESS PRESSURE GERMAN FOREIGN OFFICE REPRESENTATIVES ARRANGED DOENITZ PRESS CONFERENCE 1245 HOURS TODAY AT FONOFF-SUPPLIED HOUSE IN AMERICAN SECTOR. FIFTEEN MINUTES OF PICTURE-TAKING FOLLOWED BY GENERAL STATEMENT, AS ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS SUBMITTED, TO EFFECT THAT SINCE HE HAD ELEVEN RPT ELEVEN YEARS IN PRISON, HE WAS TAKING HIS TIME FORM OPINIONS; NO POLITICAL ACTIVITY CONTEMPLATED.

3. US PRESS APPEARS SOMEWHAT MOLLIFIED THESE ARRANGEMENTS, PARTICULARLY BY FACT SHORT NOTICE RE INTERVIEW WAS CONSIDERABLY COUNTERACTED BY EFFORTS MISSION SEE ALL PRESS ACTUALLY NOTIFIED PRESS CONFERENCE AND START DELAYED FOR LATE ARRIVALS.

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